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APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM**



Inventor: Joseph A. Zupanick  
Title: *System and Method for Multiple Wells from  
a Common Surface Location*

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Inventor: Joseph A. Zupanick  
For: *System and Method for Multiple Wells from a Common Surface Location*

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- (4) Specification, Claims and Abstract (20 pages)
- (5) Formal Drawings (5 pages)
- (6) Assignment (2 pages), Assignment Recordation Form (1 page), check in the amount of \$40.00

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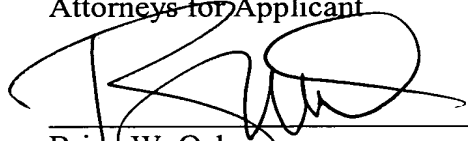
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					\$385.00
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Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	X \$43 =	\$ 0.00
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